

35,000 Armenian Kiddies, American Trained, the Hope for Future Peace



Boy Scouts of Near East Relief Orphanage at Alexandropol, Armenia, where 18,000 youngsters are cared for.

The baseball diamond, the football gridiron, boy and girl scout organizations, and other institutions of the American youth will play their part in the final peace in the Levant, according to Charles V. Vickrey, general secretary of the Near East Relief, who is now on a tour of inspection of the work being done by that organization in Transcaucasia.

"Behind the walls of American schools and orphanages, one finds the only tranquil spots in this whole troubled territory," he writes. Here, despite disorder, pestilence, and starvation, outside the gates, ambitious young Armenian boys and girls are making the best of the opportunities offered them by their American teachers. If only our work can be continued until these children reach maturity a new generation will arise to face the problems of the Near East with the benefit of the American training to help them. At present, however, we are confronted by the possibility of having to abandon them because of lack of funds. "This will mean not only the wasting of what has already been accomplished but will also result in the death of the majority of these wards of American charity. Several hundred of them



Charles V. Vickrey
General Secretary of the Relief Organization

died during a brief period last spring when the interior stations in the Caucasus were cut off from American food. On the other hand, a continuation of the full relief program can not help but mean a better, more peaceful region in the future.

Approximately ninety thousand children in Anatolia, Cilicia, and Syria, besides the 35,000 in Transcaucasia, are receiving American training at present, according to Mr. Vickrey.

FILIPINOS WANT AMERICA TO GIVE INDEPENDENCE

Maximo M. Kalaw Declares U. S. Cannot Consistently Refuse "Self-Determination."

By MAXIMO M. KALAW, Secretary of the Philippine Mission, Author "The Case for the Philippines," "Self-Government in the Philippines," etc.

"When they show sufficient capacity," "When they are able to govern themselves," "When they are educated enough." Thus run the answers of many Americans pressed with the question as to when the Filipinos should be granted their independence. Now, "ability," "capacity," and "sufficient education"—What do they mean in black



Maximo M. Kalaw.

and white? Senator Shogun may think no people is capable of self-government that does not establish the judicial recall, or that has no Billy Sunday. John Smith of Somerville may think no people is capable of self-government that does not vote his democratic ticket, or go to church on Sundays.

"Capacity for self-government" is as broad and elastic as the world, and if that should be the criterion for the granting of Philippine independence, America might as well say to the Filipinos, "I will give you independence when it pleases me to do so."

Fortunately, the American promise to the Philippines is not based on such obscure and abstract conditions. It is based on a quite tangible thing.

At the recent Congress, specially told the Filipino people that they would be granted their independence as soon as they could establish a stable government, no abstract or obscure condition was meant. Stable government, according to American usage, means a certain, definite thing.

The United States promised the Cubans the same thing, that "when they have established a stable government, then American troops would be withdrawn." As soon as the Cuban people elected a government suited to themselves, capable of maintaining order and fulfilling all international obligations, there was a stable government in Cuba, and American troops were withdrawn.

When Congress passed the Jones law, it simply borrowed the phrase "stable government" from the Cuban history and applied it to the Philippines. The history of Philippine legislation shows that in black and white. With full knowledge of what it meant, the Filipino people accepted the Jones law and immediately began setting up the stable government required by Congress as a pre-requisite to independence. The stable government is now a fact. It is indeed more than that; it is an undisputed fact.

The official representative of the United States in the Philippine Islands, the Governor General, reported to the American Congress and the administration that "the Filipino people have established the stable government demanded by Congress as a pre-requisite for the granting of independence—namely, a government elected by the suffrage of the people, which is supported by the people, which is capable of maintaining order and of fulfilling its international obligations."

The Philippine question is therefore no longer a question of politics, argument or supposition. To the Philippine mind, at least, it is now a question of whether the United States is ready to discharge its own obligations fully and completely. America went before the world in the recent war as the avowed champion of "self-determination" and Filipinos cannot see how America can consistently refuse to act.

The Filipino people, however, have no grudge or grievance against the American people. There is a message of friendship and gratitude. They seek independence as the natural and logical outcome of America's policy in the islands and of America's solemn promise to them. They come willing to give privileges and concessions not incompatible with their national welfare.

The Filipino people are willing to accept independence under any of the following conditions: Under a League of Nations, guaranteeing its territorial integrity; under the protectorship of the United States for the first few years; under a treaty of neutrality between the United States, England, Japan, France and other powers, or even without any condition whatever—absolute and complete independence. They have no fear of Japan. Philippine independence, in our opinion, is not inimical to Japanese interests. The Japanese are now free to come to the Philippines, but at the present time there are less than 10,000 Japanese in the islands. There are six times as many Japanese in California as there are in the entire Philippine Archipelago.

The Filipinos are willing to take independence as a nation. Smaller nations, beset by graver problems and dangers have taken a more hazardous step at freedom, and have suc-

PRESIDENT GETS LETTER FROM HEAD OF ARMENIAN CHURCH

Washington.—Archbishop Khoren, whose archiepiscopal see is Erivan, capital of the Armenian Republic, journeyed seven thousand miles to present President Wilson one of the quaintest and most touching documents in the archives of the State Department. It is illuminated by the monks of Etchmiadzin, the seat of the Armenian church since its separation from the Greek church, after the Council of Chalcedon in the year 451.

The Encyclical Letter, which the Archbishop presented to the President, reads:

"GEORGE, Servant of Jesus Christ and by the Omnipotent Will of God, Arch-Priest and CATHOLICOS OF ALL THE ARMENIANS, Supreme Patriarch of the highest Armenian See of Ararat and of the Apostolic Mother Church at Etchmiadzin, the Holy.

"To the NOBLE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS from the CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS and Apostolic Chief of the Holy Church of Armenia.

"With pacted, profound feelings of devotion, we desire, through this En-



ARCHBISHOP KHOREN.

cylical Letter of Ours, to place before you and to make known to you the expression of Our deep gratitude for the liberal help which, inspired by a spirit of philanthropy, you have extended to Us both by individual personal donations and through the sustaining assistance and alleviating instrumentality of the Near East Relief Organization. Individually and Collectively, combined in one body as it were, you gave and you brought to Us the fruits of your offerings, to the salvation and protection of Our Flock during the most bitter days of their suffering—sufferings which We attribute to the rigours of the War of Liberation, and to the cruelty of Our implacable Oppressors.

"In expressing Our thanks for your generosity and for your evangelic commiseration, We, as the recognized Head of Our Spiritual Children, comprising the entire Armenian Nation, would be glad to view your acts of mercy as tokens of your continued assistance in the future, and that it is your purpose to continue to assist Us in Our regeneration and complete liberation, in the habilitation of a self-governing Nation. With these things in mind, We appeal to you all; to the Prelates of your Churches; to you devout Bishops, Our Brethren and beloved in Our Lord Jesus Christ; to men endowed with political and civil acumen; to those who have been called upon by the Lord in the Conduct of Public thought; and to every soul in which the spirit of Christian philanthropy glows. Come to our defense and to the cause of the Freedom of Our Flock. Come from the pulpits of your Churches; from the seats of your Council Chambers; from the platforms of Public Associations; from the sanctum of your Journals. Raise the mighty voices of your Nation and of your sympathetic people, as those of unfailing and unflinching friends. We need them for the salvation of Our Flock, tortured in body and soul through centuries of suffering. And Our people will forever stand in history as witness that a Great Nation, prolific of welfare, stretched its helping hand and mighty arm to raise them up.

"The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Our thankful Blessings be with you all, evermore, Amen.

"GEORGE V.,

"Catholico, and Supreme Patriarch of All Armenians."

During the VIII year of Our Patriarchate at the Mother See of Ararat Etchmiadzin the Holy.

MAJOR GENERAL HARBORD SUPPORTS ARMENIA

New York.—At a mass meeting recently held here to consider the need of Armenia in the appalling disaster that has overtaken that unhappy land the following telegram was received from the commander of the Second Division:

"True to their religion, language and race through a thousand years of persecution, the Armenians must not be permitted to perish. Americans should aid them with moral, financial and political support.

"J. G. HARBORD"

SCHOOL NOTES

EXCHANGES

The University Farm Agrícola has taken many of the prizes at the stock show.

Alhambra High won a double debate victory. The defeated schools were South Pasadena and Citrus High.

The girls of the Glendale High School took care of 25 poor families for Christmas.

The Sacramento High School gave a Circus Dec. 16.

Every time a student of the Taft Union High School uses slang in an English class he has to contribute a penny to the Red Cross.

The girls of the Holtville High School have won three out of the eight games they have played in indoor baseball.

R. O. T. C. RESULTS IN RECENT INSPECTION

In the recent R. O. T. C. inspection, Manual Arts High took first place with about 84%. Other places were not awarded. Gardena's standing, however, was about 80%.

ANNUAL STUDENTS PRESS CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT LONG BEACH

A Student press convention will be held at Long Beach High School on Jan. 12. It will begin at 10 o'clock and last until 4:30.

The staff of the Gardena Lark are members of the associated students press and likewise are entitled to send two of their members to the convention. We will be represented by Vivian Laws and Milford Singer.

Once more the old year has worn itself away. Again a new year has been ushered in. Another year of your life has passed, but what have you left to prove that your time has not been idly squandered? If you have attained even one of your aspirations—or if you have developed your opportunities, you have accomplished much, and gained eminently in favor of your possibilities.

It has often been said that New Year's resolutions are not worth while, but the people who resolve to achieve success are the ones who do. Do not consider that your resolutions have been merely idle musings, which you may cast aside, useless. They have been worth while even if they have lasted but a few days. The reason is very plausible; it is because they arouse us to our real ability.

If any of you students have resolved to accomplish some aim, even though it be a small one, you have done much toward becoming better equipped to face the problems in life. Even if you do not succeed this time, you have made it easier to become successful in your next attempt.

MONETA NEWS

THE KIRKBY BLOCK

The Kirkby grocery started in the New Year by moving into the newly completed Kirkby block. The building has a fine frontage of white enameled brick with two large plate glass frontages, one of which stores being occupied as stated and the other also 25x100 feet is to be occupied by "Hardware" Reeve. The second floor is made into seven fine apartments is made into seven fine apartments. Altogether the Kirkby block stands as one of the best buildings for miles around and the grocery is high grade with the best on the market.

FORTUNE IN OIL

Dr. Wilson, district superintendent of the Methodist Church, delivered the sermon at the Moneta church on New Year day.

The papers have recently given publicity to the fortunate investment of Dr. Wilson in four acres of land at Huntington Beach upon which an oil well is now flowing 1000 barrels a day and with three more wells to be drilled. It is reported that the royalties now run to \$250 per day.

Moneta Bank Elects President and Board

The stockholders of the Moneta Commercial Bank held a meeting in the banking rooms on Tuesday, January 3rd for the election of a Board of Directors and for such other business action that might be deemed necessary. The Board of Directors elected consists of seven members, as follows: Mr. L. F. Stephenson, Mr. H. E. Mason, Mr. J. M. Dunn, Miss Ethyl Biggart, Mr. Lee B. Hawkins, Mr. J. F. Mullin and Mr. M. W. Raibley. Mr. L. F. Stephenson was elected President, Mr. J. M. Dunn, Vice-President, and Mr. H. E. Mason Secretary-Cashier.

The election of this official list con-

firms the solidity of the Moneta Commercial Bank in popular favor and the election of the President, Mr. L. F. Stephenson is a deserved tribute to a business man a community developer and a man of acumen and of personality. Mr. J. M. Dunn is also well known and one whose name adds strength to any institution. The secretary-cashier, Mr. H. E. Mason, has but recently occupied this position and his courtesy and accurate business methods have made the bank new friends among the new comers, and has held the old friends, as friends, to the institution. The election of Miss Ethyl Biggart is a fine compliment to the young lady. Mr. Lee B. Hawkins is well known and popular and Mr. J. F. Mullin and Mr. M. W. Raibley are also strong in the financial world and men of foresight and energy.

POSTOFFICE PROGRESS

A new section of lock boxes has been added to the equipment, there being three large boxes intermediate and fifty-four above these, making a total of sixty-three, which will be of material benefit to the public.

THE GAME

The Gardena Merchants baseball club will meet the Redondo Elks at the Gardena High school grounds at 2:15 p. m. next Sunday. This promises to be a very interesting game unless weather conditions forbid.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold their general, all-day meeting in the church annex on Thursday, Jan. 12th.

A CALL TO ACTION

Illinois street, toward the southerly part, has been made virtually impassable and it is hoped that the object lesson will encourage further effort to improve and make passable this particular part of the street system.

The Moneta Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting on Monday night, January 9th, at which time important matters will be under consideration and, possibly, a board of directors appointed.

The morning services at the Moneta Methodist Church will be as usual with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. S. J. McConnell, and also an address in the evening. At the evening services Mr. Antone Enos, of the Spanish American Institute, will also address the meeting.

The many friends of Mr. John Pitman were pleased to hear of his marriage, at Woodland, California, on December 24th, 1921, the bride being Miss Louise Rhein, of Berkeley. Both bride and groom are school teachers at Napa. The happy couple passed the Christmas holidays at the home of the bride's parents in Berkeley.

Mr. A. Gianni and Mrs. Bessie Nichols enjoyed a fine trip to Porterville and had a snow battle on the return trip, going on Saturday night and returning Monday night.

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